

THE STATE OF UTAH OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM TO MR. JOSEPH M. TRACY, STATE ENGINEER FROM L. C. MONSON

RE: BOULDER CREEK AND DEER CREEK DISTRIBUTION, GARFIELD COUNTY.

On October 3, 1956, Mr. Bruce Anderson, Irrigation Specialist, with the Extension Service at the Utah State Agricultural College, called at this office to take up problems which he had been attempting to solve in regard to the distribution of water partly on Deer Creek and he has also been in consultations regarding the distribution on Boulder Creek.

There is a decree called the "Garrison Decree" under which the waters of Boulder Creek are distributed. Several years ago in an effort to combine all the rights into the Boulder Creek Irrigation Company, the Company incorporated and the water users were supposed to turn in their water rights to the company in lieu of shares in the company, however, after the incorporation papers were filed, several of the users refused to join the corporation, and consequently, they are still having trouble with their distribution. It appears that one user was decreed a right out of Deer Creek and also a supplemental right out of Boulder Creek, to supplement his Deer Creek rights. For the reason that he uses both rights and other users maintain that he is only entitled to one or the other, they have been reluctant to join the corporation.

It appears that through the efforts of Mr. Anderson that most of the users will join the corporation and it will operate as a incorporated company, if he is successful. There are three or four users on Deer Creek which have had difficulty when the water is low in distributing the water for the reason that there is not enough water to fill all the rights. Mr. Anderson was to meet with the Deer Creek people on Thursday, October 4th. They have had prepared by an attorney a stipulation amoung these users whereby they will take their water on turn and Mr. Anderson believes that all users of Deer Creek water will sign this stipulation. In any event, Mr. Anderson stated that he would give this office a complete record of his activities in regard to this matter.

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